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- Federal investigators launched a probe September 10 into a natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, California, that has killed at least six people and damaged or destroyed 170 homes, according to Dow Jones Newswires. The explosion ignited a fireball as high as 100 feet, which led to several fires that raged out of control for hours. (See item [3](#))
- IDG News Service reports that security experts warned September 9 of a fast-spreading e-mail worm, the first large outbreak of this type in nearly a decade. (See item [46](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 10, Reuters* – (International) **Enbridge shuts major Canada-U.S. oil line due to leak.** Enbridge Inc shut down the largest of its three major oil pipelines September 9, reducing supply on the main transit route for Canadian crude into the United States. The incident, just 6 weeks after Enbridge was forced to shut a smaller part of its Lakehead system, pushed prompt crude futures toward \$75 as it may ease a glut at the Cushing, Oklahoma delivery point for U.S. crude futures. Enbridge closed its

670,000 barrel per day Line 6A, which feeds midwest refineries and Cushing, after a leak was discovered near Romeoville, Illinois. Though the size of the spill is not yet known, local fire officials said the line was shut early in the afternoon and that the oil has been contained.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6890IF20100910>

2. *September 10, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Power plant shutdown is short-lived.** A polluting power plant in San Francisco, California that was shut down earlier this month has been switched on again after a massive electrical cable failed September 8. The Potrero Power Plant's main generator will be switched off permanently once the \$505 million Trans Bay Cable, which connects Pittsburg with San Francisco, is running reliably. Backup generators will be switched off, and the waterfront land will be redeveloped. But the cable has been plagued with problems. Cable testing resumed September 1 and 400 megawatts of power flowed through it. But the cable failed at 4 p.m., forcing the power plant to be switched back on, said a spokeswoman for the California Independent System Operator, which oversees the electrical grid.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Power-plant-shutdown-is-short-lived-102602289.html>

3. *September 10, Dow Jones Newswires* – (California) **NTSB opens probe into California gas pipeline blast.** Federal investigators launched a probe September 10 into a natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, California, that has killed six people and damaged or destroyed 170 homes. The explosion ignited a fireball as high as 100 feet that burned for more than an hour, fed by the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Corporation gas line. The blast left behind a crater as the blaze quickly spread, whipped by high winds, to houses in several blocks near San Francisco International Airport. A number of fires raged out of control hours after the initial explosion, and parts of the affected neighborhoods looked like a war zone with several homes up in flames and debris littering the streets. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has dispatched investigators where the gas transmission line ruptured and exploded September 9. Fire officials expect the death toll to rise from six people, according to the Los Angeles Times. PG&E's in a statement said it has isolated the damaged section of the 30-inch steel transmission pipe and stopped the flow of gas. The utility is working to make the area safe and assess the damage. The blast raises questions about the integrity of energy infrastructure in the United States and comes on the heels of other high-profile and fatal accidents, including the explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico and an explosion at a Massey Energy Co. coal mine in West Virginia. California's lieutenant governor declared a state of emergency in the area. PG&E said it would cooperate with NTSB in its investigation of the blast. The utility estimates approximately 300 customers were without gas service and about 700 customers remained without electricity as of 4 a.m. local time September 10. The California Public Utilities Commission has launched an investigation and the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, which regulates pipelines, is sending investigators to the site as well.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2010/09/10/ntsb-opens-probe-california-gas-pipeline-blast/>

4. *September 9, Associated Press* – (National) **12 states warned about faulty propane.** An Illinois-based gas distributor has warned officials in at least 12 states that some propane deliveries may have lacked enough of a chemical that gives a distinctive smell to the normally odorless gas, enabling homeowners to detect possible leaks. Aux Sable Liquid Products said in a letter to public safety officials dated September 8 and obtained by the Associated Press that the odorant is typically added at its Morris, Illinois plant. A company spokesman September 9 confirmed the contents of the letter. He said the company was alerted to the potential problem by a customer who delivers the gas to smaller distribution centers. The spokesman said Aux Sable is reviewing its propane odorization system. The company said the propane could have been shipped to Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Maryland, Virginia, and Vermont. In the letter, Aux Sable said it has ceased shipments from the Illinois plant while it investigates. The company has alerted the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, and local fire marshals and attorneys general in each of the states. “If odorant is absent it is less likely that a propane leak will be detected, an Aux Sable vice president said. The decision by Aux Sable to suspend shipments follows an investigation by the Massachusetts attorney general’s office into a fatal explosion in July at a condominium development in Norfolk.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gdW1RMwtXHFB2xf8lx1EJJRHLU1wD9I4L59G0>

5. *September 9, Platts* – (Utah) **Arch Coal resumes production at Utah’s Dugout Canyon.** Arch Coal is resuming production at its Dugout Canyon mine in Price, Utah, for the first time since June 22, when a buildup of carbon monoxide forced its closure for more than 2 months, the company said September 9. The St. Louis-based coal producer is recalling more than 100 employees who were temporarily relocated to other Arch mines to begin work at longwall operation. The Price mine produced 3.2 million short tons in 2009, making up about 2 percent of Arch’s output, but its bituminous coal is one of the companies higher-margin products. The company was required to submit a new ventilation plan to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), which forced Arch to reduce risks of small coal seam fires caused by spontaneous combustion. Such fires, known as hot spots, are a common problem in Utah mines. Similar carbon monoxide buildups closed the mine earlier this year for about 1 month. The closures only had a minor negative effect on company earnings, experts said, noting in August that Arch was sourcing coal from other Colorado and Utah mines to fill customer orders.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/HeadlineNews/Coal/6430566/>

6. *September 9, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Passing UP trains collide, stack up cars between Kearney and Gibbon.** Authorities believe railcars from one train

jumped the track and slammed into a train rolling in the opposite direction September 8, causing 58 coal-laden and empty train cars to derail east of Kearney, Nebraska. There were no injuries in the mishap, but Union Pacific (UP) was at work September 9 replacing 2,600 feet of track in its three-track mainline that was damaged in the derailment. The accident left some train cars stacked two levels high. It involved an eastbound UP train that was traveling from Wyoming to Kansas City, and a westbound train going from Kansas City to Wyoming. “Somewhere mid-train on one of them there was a derailment,” a spokesman said. “Some of the cars spilled over into another train, and derailed cars on that train.” The eastbound, fully loaded coal train, which had 105 cars, had 40 of its cars derail. The westbound, empty coal train, had 126 cars, and derailed 18. All three tracks of the Union Pacific’s “overland route” main line across central Nebraska were closed much of September 8 as a result of the collision.
Source: <http://www.theindependent.com/articles/2010/09/09/news/local/12303621.txt>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *September 10, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **No injuries at Cary chemical plant explosion.** Town officials in Cary, North Carolina, said no one was injured in an explosion September 9 at Natland International Corp., an organic chemical company. The explosion occurred the afternoon of September 9 in a lab while an employee was routinely mixing chemical compounds, town officials said. Natland employees and other businesses in the building were allowed to return to their offices. Natland may be held responsible for emergency response costs, town officials said.
Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/09/10/673378/no-injuries-at-cary-chemical-plant.html>
8. *September 9, Houston Press* – (Texas) **Greenpeace says Dow’s Freeport chemical plant has lousy security.** According to Greenpeace, the giant holding tanks and railroad cars full full of hazardous materials at industrial plants near Houston, Texas, are ripe for disaster — be it by terrorist attack or work-related accident — potentially harming hundreds of thousands of local residents. To prove its point, the national environmental advocacy group recently inspected the Dow Chemical plant in Freeport, Texas one of the largest chemical manufacturing facilities in the world. “There was no security whatsoever,” a Greenpeace representative said. “There were railcars with stickers on them saying ‘Inhalation hazard,’ and the only thing standing in between us and it was a little ditch, and we just didn’t want to get our feet wet to walk across.” He said the railcar was full of ethylene oxide. After inspecting the Dow facility, which spans more than 5,000 acres and has 65 production plants, Greenpeace issued a report, essentially flunking the chemical security at the plant.
Source: http://blogs.houstonpress.com/hairballs/2010/09/dow_chemical_security.php

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *September 10, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Entergy La. River Bend reactor slips to 75 pct.** Entergy Corp’s 978-megawatt River Bend nuclear power unit in St. Francisville, Louisiana was at 75 percent power early September 10, down from full power September 9, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in its power reactor status report. It was not immediately known why the unit had been reduced.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN106083420100910>
10. *September 10, Reuters* – (Florida) **NextEra Fla. Turkey Point 4 reactor up to 14 pct power.** NextEra Energy Inc’s 693-megawatt Turkey Point 4 nuclear power unit in Florida was at 14 percent power early September 10 as it began to exit a brief outage, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said in its power reactor status report. The unit, in Florida City, about 25 miles south of Miami, tripped late September 8 from full power during maintenance, a company spokeswoman said previously. The adjacent 693-MW Unit 3 continued to run at full power September 10, the NRC report said.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1024435320100910>
11. *September 10, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **State says report gives wrong impression about Yucca Mountain safety.** Nevada officials are complaining that an initial federal government report gives the wrong impression that Yucca Mountain would be a safe place to locate a high-level nuclear dump. The executive director of the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects said the federal government is starting off on the wrong foot in reviewing the application of the Department of Energy (DOE) to withdraw its application to build the repository in southern Nevada. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will make the final decision, and its staff has started the study of the application. The regulatory staff has agreed with the first application by the DOE that it complied with all the safety and land acquisition claims. The executive director said the regulatory staff’s report was limited, and there are mistakes in its initial report. He said the staff “must have known that favorable review findings such as this would be touted by Yucca proponents as evidence that the Yucca Mountain Project should proceed over the administration’s objections.”
Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/sep/10/state-says-report-gives-wrong-impression-about-yuc/>
12. *September 10, Salt Lake Tribune* – (National) **NRC head urges caution on waste blending.** Blended radioactive waste will not be coming to Utah anytime soon if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adopts its leader’s position. The NRC chairman said in a newly released memo that blended waste should be dealt with as part of a comprehensive overhaul of the nation’s low-level radioactive waste, with careful attention paid to public-safety issues. “Given that the staff has indicated there may be a safety concern with large quantities of this [blended] waste,” the chairman said, “large-scale blending should not be performed by licensees or processors until this rule-

making is completed.” Handling blended waste the way the chairman suggests would likely add years to a decision on whether EnergySolutions Inc. can bury it in Utah. And, while state regulators and a local advocacy group welcome delay, the Utah nuclear services company will suffer if a majority of the five-member commission ultimately agrees with the chairman. EnergySolutions has spent time and money developing a new process for blending low-level waste from reactors that currently has nowhere else to go for permanent disposal. The chairman’s “vote letter” has come up repeatedly this week at the RadWaste Summit in Las Vegas, the fourth annual conference for industry regulators and advocates with an interest in low-level radioactive waste. It is part of a broader question about whether the current law, stitched together one piece at a time, should be revamped or only fine-tuned after 30 years.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/50255311-76/waste-blending-blended-jaczko.html.csp>

13. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Depleted uranium plant now operating in Ohio.** Ohio’s governor and the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy have announced the startup of a southern Ohio plant the governor said is critical to preparing a former nuclear weapons site for future use. The two were in Piketon, Ohio September 9 at the depleted uranium hexafluoride conversion facility about 65 miles south of Columbus. The plant will convert the byproduct from the uranium enrichment process into a more stable form for reuse or disposal. The facility to employ 160 is at the site of the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant used to produce enriched uranium until 2001. The governor last year announced formation of an energy companies’ alliance to pursue development of a clean energy park project at the Department of Energy site.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9I4K8Q80.htm>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *September 10, 7th Space Interactive* – (National) **Bank employee pleads guilty to role in bid-rigging and fraud conspiracies.** A former employee of a national bank pled guilty to participating in bid-rigging and fraud conspiracies related to contracts for the

investment of municipal bond proceeds and other municipal finance contracts, the Department of Justice announced September 10. According to proceedings in the U.S. District Court in New York City, the man engaged in separate bid-rigging and fraud conspiracies related to the provision of a type of contract, known as an investment agreement, to public entities throughout the United States, such as state, county and local governments and agencies. He also pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. According to the plea agreement, the man has agreed to cooperate with the ongoing investigation. Three other individuals have pleaded guilty to charges related to the investigation. Also, three former financial services executives were indicted July 27, 2010, for participating in fraud schemes and conspiracies related to the bidding for investment agreements. In October 2009, CDR Financial Products, two employees, and one former employee were charged for participating in bid-rigging and fraud conspiracies and related crimes. The CDR trial is slated to begin September 12, 2011.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/356760/bank_employee_pleads_guilty_to_role_in_bid_rigging_and_fraud_conspiracies.html

15. *September 10, Batavia Daily News* – (New York) **Batavia gas station owner accused of credit card fraud.** The owner of a Batavia, New York, Sunoco gas station has been accused of fraudulently using credit card information, according to a joint investigation by the U.S. Secret Service and the Batavia City Police Department. The man was arrested in federal court September 7 on charges of bank fraud, as well as fraud and related activity in connection with access devices. The arrest was the result of an extensive joint investigation between the two agencies. It is alleged the suspect fraudulently used credit card information belonging to more than one person, and on more than one occasion, to purchase building materials at Armor Building Supply in Batavia on several dates in 2009.

Source: http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_c4e76364-5084-5e2c-bbe0-2d613f11599a.html

16. *September 10, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (National) **7 charged in Richmond in insurance-fraud case.** More than 800 investors in the United States and Canada allegedly were swindled out of at least \$100 million in a scheme involving life-insurance settlements. “This case involved elderly retirees and others who gave most — and in some cases, all — of their life savings and have seen it all disappear,” a U.S. Attorney said at a news conference in Richmond, Virginia. Uncovering the fraud marks the first national financial fraud case coordinated by the Virginia Financial and Securities Fraud Task Force, a partnership formed in May between federal and state investigators and regulators. The U.S. attorney’s office in Richmond charged and arrested three executives of A&O Resource Management in Houston, Texas. It also charged four others in connection with the fraud, including one who solicited investors in the Richmond area. All of the suspects are from the Houston area, and each was charged in federal court with one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, six counts of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, six counts of money laundering, and four counts of securities fraud.

Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2010/sep/10/frau10-ar-498030/>

17. *September 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Celebrity financial adviser pleads guilty in \$59M scam.** A financial adviser has pleaded guilty to fraud, admitting he cheated wealthy and elderly clients alike out of tens of millions of dollars. His firm, Starr & Co., managed the assets of, and provided financial planning and investment advice to high net-worth and celebrity clients. He entered the plea September 10 in Manhattan, New York, federal court. The 66-year-old adviser has been jailed since his May arrest. Prosecutors said he carried out his Ponzi-like scheme from January 2008 through April. Among other things, he paid bills for his clients, assisted them with tax filings, and recommended investments to them. In some cases, the now admitted swindler assumed total control over his clients' financial lives by collecting their earnings, investing their savings, and paying their bills.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local-beat/Celebrity-Financial-Adviser-Pleads-Guilty-102630739.html>

18. *September 9, Computerworld* – (National) **Hotel operator warns of data breach.** HEI Hospitality, owner and operator of upscale hotels operating under the Marriott, Sheraton, Westin, and other monikers, has sent letters informing some 3,400 customers that their credit card data may have been compromised. The warning stems from an intrusion into point of sale systems at several HEI properties earlier this year, which could have allowed card holder data to be illegally accessed, the company said in the letter. The intrusion could have exposed to hackers a variety of information, including credit card types, credit card numbers, expiration dates, and security codes stored in the magnetic stripe on the back of each card. The intrusions occurred between March and April, and the company sent out notification letters in August. The breach appears to have stayed largely under the media radar until it was reported the week of September 6 by Databreaches.net. An HEI spokesman said September 9 that though the company has notified 3,400 customers, there is no indication so far that the credit card data has been misused.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9184398/Hotel_operator_warns_of_data_breach

19. *September 8, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Bank robbery duo strikes again.** Bank robbers known to sport straggly, black wigs struck again September 8 in Gwinnett County, Georgia, the FBI said. The two armed men entered a Wachovia branch in the 3000 block of Centerville Highway wearing masks. Those in the bank were forced to the floor and a single gunshot was fired into the ceiling. The duo is believed to be responsible for at least six other similar heists around the metro Atlanta area. While they often wear black wigs, the two men are also known to don masks. No one was injured, but a bank employee was transported to the hospital for observation. The men took an undisclosed amount of cash and left the bank in a Dodge Magnum, which was recovered nearby. The car previously had been reported stolen in Cobb County. One robber is described as a black male, 20-30 years old and between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-10 inches tall. The second robber is also a black male, 20-25 years old and 6-feet tall.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/gwinnett/bank-robbery-duo-strikes-609454.html>

Transportation Sector

20. *September 9, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Metro: 99 buses pulled from service after fire.** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) is pulling 99 buses from service after a fire broke out on a bus on the Capital Beltway. The fire broke out on a bus on Interstate 495 near Springfield, Virginia, September 9. A Metro safety officer said there were passengers on the bus when the fire broke out, but the flames were extinguished quickly and no injuries were reported. The 10-year-old Orion IV diesel-powered buses are being pulled from service as a precaution, and hydraulic pumps that may have contributed to the fire are being inspected. Metro said a possible repair to the problem is being tested. Metro will use reserve buses from its 1,500-bus fleet and shift buses among its divisions September 10, but the time between buses may increase by a few minutes along some routes.
Source: <http://wtop.com/?sid=2049005&nid=30>
21. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **FAA revokes license of helicopter repair company.** A Mesa, Arizona helicopter-repair company had its license revoked September 9 by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for allegedly performing improper repairs and falsifying maintenance records. The emergency action against Phoenix Heliparts Inc. came after the company was unable to bring its operations up to minimum standards. An emergency revocation means the company must shut down operations immediately under that license. The Phoenix Heliparts president told the Associated Press that the company has been operating under licenses held by its mechanics and will continue to do so while it appeals the FAA action. FAA inspectors found numerous problems with the company's work during an August 2008 inspection, the agency said. They allege company mechanics used incorrect parts, failed to follow repair manuals, and made false entries in repair logs. During a follow-up inspection the following month, FAA inspectors found hundreds of other discrepancies, including unserviceable parts labeled as serviceable and kept for reuse, and failures to document maintenance work and inspections.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9I4LH780.htm>
22. *September 9, WMC 5 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **Delta flight makes emergency landing after taking off from Memphis.** A Delta Airlines flight was forced to make an emergency landing after taking off from Memphis International Airport in Tennessee. Passengers reported a banging noise approximately 20 minutes into the flight, followed by smoke in the plane's cabin and deploying oxygen masks. The plane returned to Memphis without further incident. Passengers reported that before the plane took off, the captain made an announcement about a slight delay while the ground crew fixed a small mechanical issue. It is unknown if this was related to the in-flight emergency.
Source: <http://www.wmctv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13128323>
23. *September 9, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **St. Charles Avenue streetcar line back in service, RTA officials say.** New Orleans' St. Charles Avenue

streetcar line, which shut down for approximately 2 hours September 9 after lightning struck an Entergy feeder line, returned to service just before 6 p.m., Regional Transit Authority officials said. The streetcar had been down since around 3:30 p.m. — a half-hour after a cluster of showers producing very heavy rain started to move across Uptown and the French Quarter. The showers doused the huge stage set up for a September 9 concert, and caused scrambling among the National Football League workers in and around Jackson Square. There was also heavy street flooding in much of Uptown. Service was restored everywhere by 5 p.m., according to an Entergy spokesperson.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2010/09/st_charles_avenue_streetcar_li.html

24. *September 9, Homeland Security NewsWire* – (New Jersey; New York) **NYPD commissioner: tighter security needed at Trailways bus depot.** During the past decade, a New York man with Asperger's syndrome claims to have stolen more than 150 buses from an unsecured Trailways bus depot in Hoboken, New Jersey. The doors were open, the keys were left in the ignition, and he just drove off the lot, using the coaches for everything from fast-food runs to jaunts to North Carolina. The man has been arrested 27 times for a variety of offenses involving trains and the New York City subway system; he was finally collared last week after he stole a bus, drove to Manhattan, and took a group of flight attendants to Kennedy Airport. The New York Police Commissioner wants the New York City Police Department to look into lax security at the depot. Trailways did not respond to requests for comment — but it appears it is paying attention since security has been tweaked. Security experts say buses and big-rig trucks could be tempting targets for terrorists because they attract less attention from law enforcement officers.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/nypd-commissioner-tighter-security-needed-trailways-bus-depot>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

25. *September 10, Associated Press* – (New York) **12 firefighters injured in massive Manhattan blaze.** New York City firefighters spent most of their night knocking down a massive restaurant fire in midtown Manhattan. The Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) said early September 10 that the blaze escalated to five alarms before the main body of the fire was put out. It started around 12:30 a.m. Streets were closed

around 39th Street and Third Avenue and some bus service was being rerouted. Some neighboring buildings were evacuated as a precaution. The FDNY said 12 firefighters suffered minor injuries. Three other responding authorities also were hurt. An assistant FDNY chief said the fire started in the cockloft above the kitchen area of two restaurants and caused the roof to collapse. It is not being deemed suspicious at this time.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local-beat/12-Firefighters-Injured-in-Massive-Manhattan-Blaze-102611999.html>

26. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Suspended worker arrested in Kraft plant shooting.** A woman just suspended from her job and escorted from a Kraft Foods plant in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, returned with a handgun and opened fire September 9, killing two people and critically injuring a third, police said. The 43-year-old shooter was taken into custody inside the plant of the nation's largest food manufacturer, whose products include Oreo cookies, Philadelphia cream cheese and Oscar Mayer bacon, an official said. The woman had returned to the building in a car 10 minutes after being escorted out and passed through a barrier before re-entering the building, he said. Before being apprehended, she fired a shot at police officers. As she walked inside, she fired a shot at an employee who had followed her in and had yelled, "Hide, she's got a gun," he said. That shot missed. The woman then shot the three victims, said police, who did not immediately know the victims' identities or whether they had been targeted. Officers responded and isolated the shooter in a room, and she fired a shot at them but missed. Officers freed seven people who were "in a bad position" near the woman and were hiding. The woman locked herself in an office in the building on the 1200 block of Roosevelt Blvd. and shot at authorities, making it hard to get to the victims.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39089483/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/

27. *September 9, Reuters* – (National) **USDA sued over genetically modified beet permits.** Groups opposed to genetically modified foods announced a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) September 9 over the agency's recent decision to allow limited plantings of altered sugar beets. According to a copy of the complaint provided to Reuters by the plaintiffs, the USDA's decision violates an August court ruling that prohibited future plantings of genetically modified sugar beets. The week of August 30, the USDA announced it would issue permits for seed producers to make plantings that would not be allowed to flower. But the plaintiffs, which include the Center for Food Safety and the Sierra Club, argue in their lawsuit that these plantings could still contaminate neighboring crops. The complaint asks a judge to forbid the planting of any genetically modified sugar beet plants. The USDA has said it would take at least 3 years to develop new regulations in response to the overall ban issued by a U.S. district court judge, who sits in the Northern District of California in San Francisco. Sugar beets account for over half the U.S. sugar supply, but conventional beets remain widely available.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6885XA20100909>

28. *September 9, Water Technology Online* – (Florida) **Bottled water thief ordered to pay \$40,000 in restitution.** A Dade City, Florida warehouse worker and his accomplice were found guilty of stealing thousands of dollars worth of bottled water from a Zephyrhills plant during the summer of 2008, the St. Petersburg Times reported. A judge ordered the suspect to pay more than \$40,000 for the theft and gave him 10 years probation. A truck driver was convicted of dealing in stolen property and ordered to pay back \$300, the article stated. The company learned of the thefts when a distributor spotted a gas station selling six-packs of Zephyrhills water for \$1 — less than wholesale, according to the story.

Source: http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=74886

29. *September 9, Associated Press* – (International) **Giant snails seized at Dulles Airport.** During a busy Labor Day weekend at Washington Dulles International Airport, one package arriving from Ghana raised some eyebrows. U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents said a traveler arriving from the West African nation tried to bring in 14 giant African land snails with him. Each of the slimy creatures was about the size of a child's fist. The snails, originally from East Africa, are believed to be one of the world's worst invasive species because they can severely damage crops. The snails can grow to be nearly 8 inches long and 4 inches tall. They are illegal in the United States. Agriculture officials believe they may have been brought to the United States to be eaten. The traveler was not penalized, but the snails were destroyed because they were considered a threat.

Source: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/local-breaking-news/crime-and-public-safety/giant-snails-seized-at-dulles.html>

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Water Sector

30. *September 10, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Water main break in South Fayette causes road closings, water outages.** A 36-inch water main break in South Fayette, Pennsylvania on Boyce Road caused road closings, water outages and school cancellation after the main ruptured around 3 a.m. September 9. Boyce Road is closed between Mayview Road and Washington Pike and is not expected to reopen until September 13. Pennsylvania American Water Co. was able to isolate the break, but 12 customers remain out of water. Service was expected to resume by early evening, September 10 said the company's external affairs manager for Western Pennsylvania. Some customers in areas of higher elevation are experiencing low water pressure, as well. The South Fayette School District closed September 9, but was scheduled to open September 10, the superintendent said.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10253/1086425-55.stm>

31. *September 10, WKZO 590 AM Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Kalamazoo city officials reviewing security at water facilities.** Kalamazoo, Michigan officials plan to review security systems at their water facilities after a couple of break-ins this week. They believe it was just vandals who cut their way through fences at two, water-storage

facilities. At one, the cap to a huge tank was missing. At the other, it appears they accessed the ladder to the top of the water tower. Some other municipal systems have alarms installed on those access points, and remote cameras and other security devices in place. Kalamazoo's system has none of that. Just a chain-link fence ringed with barbed wire. City officials plan to drain the tank that was left uncapped September 10, sanitize it and test it before putting it back into service late next week. Tests on the water throughout the system found no problems.

Source: <http://www.wkzo.com/news/articles/2010/sep/10/kalamazoo-city-officials-reviewing-security-water-/>

32. *September 9, KPCC 89.3 Pasadena* – (California) **Equipment explodes at DWP yard; no injuries.** An equipment explosion occurred September 9 in a Department of Water and Power (DWP) yard in Los Angeles, California but no one was injured. Firefighters were called to 1630 N. Main St. at 1:44 p.m., said a Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman. "A capacitor exploded in the DWP yard, but there was no fire or anything," he said. "Power was shut off in the yard." The cause of the explosion was unclear.

Source: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/09/09/equipment-explodes-dwp-yard/>

33. *September 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **EPA formally requests information from companies about chemicals used in natural gas extraction.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) September 9 announced it has issued voluntary information requests to nine natural gas service companies regarding the process known as hydraulic fracturing. The data requested is integral to a broad scientific study now underway by EPA, which Congress in 2009 directed the agency to conduct to determine whether hydraulic fracturing has an impact on drinking water, and the public health of Americans living in the vicinity of hydraulic fracturing wells. In making the requests of the leading national and regional hydraulic fracturing service providers — BJ Services, Complete Production Services, Halliburton, Key Energy Services, Patterson-UTI, RPC, Inc., Schlumberger, Superior Well Services, and Weatherford — EPA is seeking information on the chemical composition of fluids used in the hydraulic fracturing process, data on the impacts of the chemicals on human health and the environment, standard operating procedures at their hydraulic fracturing sites and the locations of sites where fracturing has been conducted. This information will be used as the basis for gathering further detailed information on a representative selection of sites.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/EC57125B66353B7E85257799005C1D64>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *September 9, WAPT 16 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Power outage leads to cancellations at VA medical center.** A power problem at the G.V. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, has led to the cancellation of scheduled appointments

September 10 for patients at the main facility, hospital officials said. A spokesman said the hospital has limited power because of a problem with the cabling that runs to and from an electronic transformer, which powers the hospital. As a result, some surgeries and patient clinics were canceled or restricted September 9 and 10. However, veterans with scheduled visits in Primary Care Clinics Silver and Green were expected to show up for their appointments, hospital officials said. The outage has not disrupted in-patient care and air conditioning service is functional, hospital officials said. The emergency department remained fully operational, and veterans with urgent needs may receive care there, hospital officials said.

Source: <http://www.wapt.com/r/24940488/detail.html>

35. *September 9, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **FBI says N.C. man posted instructions on Facebook page to make explosives, bomb abortion clinic.** Federal authorities have accused a North Carolina man of describing how to make explosives to bomb an abortion clinic after agents found the instructions on his Facebook page. The Charlotte Observer reports that FBI agents said September 9 they caught a 26-year-old in a sting after he collaborated with a confidential informant to plan the bombing of a North Carolina abortion clinic. The arrest followed an investigation that began after Planned Parenthood alerted the FBI to a Facebook page registered to the suspect, which the group said advocated violence against abortion providers. The man faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted on federal charges of distribution of information relating to explosives.

Source: <http://www.wtkr.com/news/sns-ap-nc--facebook-bombinstructions,0,7660143.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *September 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Errant drone almost met by fighter jets.** The U.S. military almost launched fighter jets and discussed a possible shoot-down when an errant Navy drone briefly veered into restricted airspace near the nation's capital last month, a senior military official said September 9. The incident underscores safety concerns with unmanned aircraft as defense officials campaign to use them more often during natural disasters and for homeland security. A Navy Admiral, the head of Northern Command, said that the August mishap could hamper the Pentagon's push to have the Federal Aviation Administration ease procedures for drone use by the military in domestic skies. "It certainly doesn't help our case any time there's a UAV [unmanned aerial vehicle] that wanders around a little bit outside of its controlled airspace," said the Admiral, who also is commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. "We realize the responsibility on our part to include the technical capability and proper procedures. We'd just like to be able to get at it quicker." Currently, drones are used for patrols and surveillance along the nation's southern border, and sometimes at the northern border. But the military wants to use them more during hurricanes and other disasters to evaluate damage or target rescue efforts.

Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/errant-drone-almost-met-by-fighter-jets.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

37. *September 9, Northwest Cable News* – (Idaho) **3 devices explode at Coeur d’Alene High School football field.** Three small explosives found near Coeur d’Alene High School in north Idaho prompted a lockdown. The crudely made devices, about the size of a baseball, exploded September 8. The remnants were found the next day. Investigators said the devices exploded at the football field around 7:30 p.m. Once the explosives were found, police began a precautionary sweep, and recommended the school go into lockdown. Police started searching the halls and outside the school for additional explosives. The lockdown lasted for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Police said the three explosive devices consisted of rolls of gun tape with a firework wrapped inside. “It was down at the football field, but obviously we have people coming in from P.E., down at the football field, down at the parking lot. Could be coming in for a college class so you have got a lot of movement on campus all day long. The bottom line is we just wanted to make sure everyone was safe,” said one investigator. Police took the three explosives, finished their search, and the school day went back to normal. Police do not have a suspect at this time.

Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/news/3-devices-explode-at-Coeur-dAlene-High-School-football-field-102586909.html>

38. *September 9, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **DHS audit finds serious vulnerabilities in US-CERT security.** A scan of IT systems at US-CERT, the Homeland Security Department’s primary operational cybersecurity agency, found hundreds of vulnerabilities that could allow someone to compromise data, according to a recent Inspector General’s (IG) report. Although DHS has policies in place to mitigate and correct problems, the lack of an automated system for patching vulnerabilities has left a large number of unpatched and possibly serious flaws in the agency’s Mission Operating Environment (MOE), the IG found. “These vulnerabilities, if not addressed, could lead to arbitrary code execution, buffer overflow, escalation of privileges, and denial-of-service attacks,” the IG concluded in the report, “DHS Needs to Improve the Security Posture of its Cybersecurity Program System.” The problem is not limited to the operating environment, but could extend to the National Cybersecurity Protection System, the government-wide, intrusion-detection system better known as Einstein, because US-CERT analysts gain access to Einstein data via the MOE.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2010/09/09/us-cert-riddled-with-security-holes.aspx>

39. *September 9, CongressDaily* – (National) **Commander cites concern over aging F-16s.** The commander responsible for preventing the use of hijacked aircraft to repeat the attacks of September 11, 2001 said September 9 he is concerned about the aging of the Air National Guard F-16 fighters that conduct most of the domestic air defense missions. The commander of the U.S. Northern Command said he is “watching that as closely as I can,” and following the Air Force analyses on the condition of the Air Guard’s jets to see whether they can “eke some additional life” out of them. “For now, the F-16s are hanging in there,” he told a defense writers breakfast. The Air Guard,

which operates most of the “Noble Eagle” air defense alert missions, flies the oldest of the F-16s, with an average age of more than 21 years. The Guard is not expected to get newer aircraft until the F-35 becomes operational and can replace the younger F-16s flown by the regular Air Force.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0910/090910cdpm1.htm>

40. *September 9, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Bomb threat forces Department of Justice building to evacuate.** An anonymous phone call threatening a bomb at the department of justice in Raleigh, North Carolina led state capitol police to evacuate 400 employees from the building September 9. The threat was called in to the building at the corner of Edenton and Salisbury streets at 10 a.m., said the chief of the state capitol police department. Officers with bomb sniffing dogs and the State Bureau of Investigation’s (SBI) Hazardous Devices Unit searched the building floor by floor. “We have not found anything out of the ordinary,” he said, adding that the threat included no specifics other than a statement that the bomb was in the building. He said he expected the building to reopen around 1 p.m. The building houses the office of the state attorney general, who oversees the SBI, which has been under scrutiny for agent misconduct in forensic work for criminal investigations.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/09/09/672243/bomb-threat-forces-evacuation.html#ixzz0z8S4SKBV>

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *September 10, Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Luzerne police calls targeted.** Someone may have been interfering with emergency radio calls, and Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, 911 has been monitoring and documenting problems, according to a letter from the department’s executive director. “It is with great dismay that I must report to you that these issues of interference seem to be purposely created by a person or persons unknown at this time. We have segregated each documented occurrence and are keeping them on file,” according to the August 23 letter to officials in Zone A, from Plymouth Borough to Forty Fort. The problems were reported to county 911 by several sources, and the department will work with the Federal Communications Commission to pinpoint and correct it. If the interference was intentional, anyone who participated would be prosecuted. The interference problems were not spread throughout the zone, he states in the letter, but “it is of no secret, but perhaps coincidence, that these interference issues began with the start-up of Luzerne (Borough) PD and most, if not all, interference comes when they are attempting to contact the Luzerne County Communications Center.” The letter states Luzerne’s equipment was checked and was not the source of the problem.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/luzerne-police-calls-targeted-1.1002506>

42. *September 9, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Hurst police phone lines down, but 911 still works.** Telephones at the police department in Hurst, Texas, were not working September 9, but residents were still able to make 911 calls, according to

reports. It was unclear that morning if excessive rainfall September 7 and 8 contributed to the disruption of the department's phones, including its main number. Dialing those numbers resulted in a busy signal. The one non-emergency line was still open, while residents were still urged to call 911 for emergencies.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2010/09/09/2455765/hurst-police-phone-lines-down.html>

43. *September 8, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Man charged with firebombing E. Providence station.** Authorities said they have arrested a man who allegedly firebombed an occupied East Providence, Rhode Island fire station more than 2 years ago. Police said the 41-year-old man of Pawtucket was arrested at his home Labor Day weekend and charged with first-degree arson. He was arraigned September 7 and sent to jail pending a bail hearing. It was not immediately clear if he had a lawyer. Officials did not disclose a possible motive for the April 2008 firebombing when a "Molotov cocktail device" was thrown through the glass door, causing \$35,000 worth of damage. No one was hurt. The police chief said local authorities, as well as the state fire marshal and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, collaborated on the case.

Source: <http://www.abc6.com/Global/story.asp?S=13116340>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *September 10, Poughkeepsie Journal* – (New York) **IBM plant releases small amount of dust.** Emergency crews were called to the IBM facility in East Fishkill, New York September 9 after there was an emission of small particles into the air outside of building 330D. "There was a release of a particulate material — a dust — from the site exhaust system," an IBM spokesman said in an e-mail. "Based on our current understanding, there was no health or environmental risks, but as a precaution we are going to have the material tested. We didn't have to evacuate; there was no shutdown." An IBM East Fishkill emergency control team was at the scene cleaning cars in a nearby parking lot, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation. A DEC Region 3 spokeswoman said the emission was a small amount of fluoride and "not a reportable spill." She said the emission occurred during the cleaning of air-control equipment.

Source:

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/20100910/BUSINESS01/100909018/IBM-plant-releases-small-amount-of-dust>

45. *September 9, eWeek* – (International) **Microsoft plans Windows security fixes for patch Tuesday.** Microsoft is planning to release nine security bulletins for September's patch Tuesday, September 14. The bulletins are slated to address 13 vulnerabilities. Four of the bulletins carry a rating of "critical." Among those are fixes for remote code

execution bugs in Microsoft Office and Windows. The remaining five bulletins — which are all rated “important” — all affect Windows, and include both privilege escalation and remote execution issues. “I expect some of the bulletins to address DLL Hijacking issues in Microsoft’s own products, but it will be interesting to see if Microsoft will change its guidance for Hotfix KB2264107,” blogged the CTO of Qualys. “Currently it is only at the advisory level and users have to make an active decision to get protection against DLL Hijacking in 3rd party applications,” he wrote. “As last month, Windows XP SP2 users do not have any patches supplied to them, even though the majority of updates for XP SP3 most likely apply to their discontinued version of the OS as well,” he added. “Windows XP SP2 users should upgrade to SP3 as quickly as possible.”

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Microsoft-Plans-Windows-Security-Fixes-for-Patch-Tuesday-504489/>

46. *September 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **‘Here you have’ e-mail worm spreads quickly.** Security experts warned September 9 of a fast-spreading e-mail worm, the first large outbreak of this type in nearly a decade. The worm appears in e-mail messages with the subject “Here you have,” and contains what seems to be a link to an Adobe PDF file. In fact, the link takes the victim to a Web page hosted on the members.multimania.co.uk domain that then tries to download a screensaver (.scr) file. If the user agrees to installing that file, he is then infected by the worm, which mails itself to his e-mail contacts. The worm bogged down corporate e-mail systems September 9 as victims inadvertently spammed coworkers, overwhelming some servers. ABC News reported that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Comcast, AIG, Disney, Procter & Gamble, and others were hit by the outbreak. As of Thursday afternoon, the worm was undetected by most antivirus programs, according to the VirusTotal Web site. The worm is a type of malware that has not been a major problem since around 2002, according to a senior manager with Symantec Security Response. It seems to do nothing more than sent itself out, and it appeared to be affecting Outlook e-mail users. The worm also spreads by copying itself to the computers’ local drives, (C: and H:) as well as drives that are shared over the network, Microsoft said in an analysis of the infection. Symantec started blocking the worm at around 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time September 9 and quickly stopped 65,000 messages, according to the Symantec manager. The number soon ballooned beyond that, but the worm may now have a hard time spreading, because the malicious file on multimania.co.uk appears to have been taken down, he said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9184559/ Here_you_have_e_mail_worm_spreads_quickly?taxonomyId=16

47. *September 9, DarkReading* – (International) **New Adobe attack using stolen certificates.** Adobe issued an advisory September 8 about attacks in the wild exploiting a new bug the software firm had just learned of the day before. The critical flaw affects Adobe Reader 9.3.4 and earlier for Windows, Macintosh, and Unix, and Acrobat 9.3.4 for Windows and Mac. Meanwhile, a senior antivirus researcher for Kaspersky Lab studied an attack exploiting the flaw that uses a stolen digital certificate from a credit

union to sign the infected PDF file. He said as this technique takes off, it will result in more missed attacks as well as more false positives from security software. “I predict that the security industry will have more misses of these files that come with stolen signatures, or [have] more false positives. We could well be in this high false positives [trend] next year, which we haven’t seen in a while,” he said. The attack also uses return-oriented programming. It sneaks by Microsoft’s Data Execution Protection and Address Space Layout Randomization, he noted.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=227400047&subSection=Attacks/breaches>

48. *September 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **Gmail spam bug traced to routing system update.** A bug introduced during a routing system update caused Gmail to turn some users into unintentional spammers by resending some messages multiple times to increasingly annoyed recipients. The problem started on August 19 and was fixed the evening of August 25. To prevent a similar problem from happening again, Google is pledging to sharpen its monitoring of mail flow after implementing a system update, as well as to proactively test to ensure message duplication is not occurring, according to the report. The bug affected no more than 2.5 percent of Gmail users, of which Google said there are “hundreds of millions,” so the number of Gmail users hit likely ranged from hundreds of thousands to several million, not counting the impacted recipients.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9183940/Gmail_spam_bug_traced_to_routing_system_update

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

49. *September 10, LaSalle News Tribune* – (Illinois) **Cut cable leads to major phone outage.** A phone outage in Illinois, stretching from Putnam County through far northeastern Bureau County and into Mendota lasted at least 6 hours September 9. A spokesman for Frontier Communications confirmed long-distance phone and Internet service was interrupted due to a cut fiber optic cable in Princeton. Local calls still worked in most areas, though some pockets were without any service. A Spring Valley dispatcher learned of the outage at about 10:09 a.m. The bureau emergency communications dispatch center director said the outage was discovered at about 10:20 a.m., after a line apparently was cut at North Sixth Street and Backbone Road. Frontier Communications — which now services the lines that formerly belonged to Verizon —

dispatched crews to the scene. Power was restored to some area communities between 4 and 5 p.m.

Source:

<http://www.newstrib.com/articles/news/nci/default.asp?article=23042&aname=Cut+ca+ble+leads+to+major+phone+outage>

50. *September 10, Homeland Security NewsWire* – (National) **How to prevent hacker-induced smart-phone paralysis.** Researchers are working on a way to prevent malicious access to smartphones that would allow distributed denial of service attacks that could compromise a sufficient number of smartphones so as to knock out normal cell phone service. But such a system is nowhere near being implemented yet, leaving many smartphones vulnerable to being compromised and exploited. According to Technology Review, even if an attack of this kind never happens, the growing ubiquity of smartphones, along with the sensitive information they carry, makes it likely that exploits will continue to proliferate. That could be more than just a route to identity theft — rogue software could also slow cell phone networks in general. The solution, proposes a pair of researchers at the University of Colorado at Boulder, is to devise an effective way to check smartphones for viruses. It sounds simple, but the problem is that smartphones do not have the battery life to be constantly running onboard virus-scanning software. So the researchers propose running the virus scans on the PC to which smartphones are often connected.
Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/how-prevent-hacker-induced-smart-phone-paralysis>
51. *September 9, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Verizon telephone-line outage causes communication problems.** Some Morris County, New Jersey, governmental offices at the West Hanover Avenue Complex in Morris Township are experiencing significant communication problems because of a Verizon telephone-line outage that is expected to last until the evening of September 10, county officials announced September 9. Offices most impacted were the office of temporary assistance and Morris View Healthcare Center, and there also are partial outages at the division on aging, disabilities and veterans. The office of temporary assistance is able to receive new applications but will not be able to process them until next week, and also will not be able to provide electronic benefits transfer cards to access benefits. Although regular phone service also is out at Morris View Healthcare Center, the facility is fully functional and equipped with two-way radios, cell phones and e-mail for communication. The outages occurred when a tanker truck overturned on Meadow Bluff and Old Dover roads in Parsippany around 7:30 a.m.
Source: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/09/verizon_telephone-line_outage.html
52. *September 9, Orangeburg Times and Democrat* – (South Carolina) **Phones out in eastern Orangeburg County.** Many residents in Branchville, Eutawville and Holly Hill, South Carolina, were without phone service September 9 while a fiber optic line was being repaired. Residents were unable to make long-distance or 9-1-1 calls, but may be able to make calls within their own areas. Cell phone service may also be

unavailable because cell towers use fiber optic lines. The outage could last for an additional 5 hours, the Orangeburg County Emergency Operations Center said September 9.

Source: http://thetandd.com/news/local/article_49871426-bc52-11df-b01d-001cc4c03286.html

53. *September 9, WBBH 2 Fort Meyers* – (Florida) **Copper stolen from cell phone tower.** An AT&T representative reported the theft of copper wire from a communications tower on Corkscrew Road in Estero, Florida, according to Lee County Sheriff's Office reports. The AT&T field supervisor contacted deputies after he discovered the theft September 8. He told deputies that between August 3 and September 8, someone entered the fenced compound and gained access to the communications tower. The person cut and removed three to four bundles of copper grounding wire, reports said. The bundles were two to three feet long by 2 inches wide. It will cost \$10,000 to repair the damage. The fence surrounding the tower was not damaged, and the lock to the gate was still intact.

Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/Global/story.asp?S=13125602>

54. *September 9, WIVB 4 Buffalo* – (New York) **97 Rock and The Edge forced to evacuate.** The morning show crew at 97 Rock in Buffalo, New York, was forced to evacuate and knock off live programming because of a nearby fire. Employees were told by authorities to leave the building for their own safety. The on-air staff at 97 Rock had to figure out how to program all of the music and commercials, and tell listeners that they were leaving because of a fire in their backyard. One 97 Rock employee explained, "The window that's in our lunch room, all you could see was orange flame, then there was an explosion, and then this funnel of black smoke where we went, 'Okay, time to leave!'"

Source: <http://www.wivb.com/dpp/news/buffalo/97-Rock-and-The-Edge-forced-to-evacuate>

55. *September 9, Government Computer News* – (International) **A new domain signs on with DNSSEC.** The .info top-level domain, the Internet's seventh largest TLD with more than 6.5 million registered domains within it, was digitally signed September 1 to enable use of the DNS Security Extensions. The delegation signer records have been published in the DNS Root to enable validation of signatures on Domain Name Service query responses. The signing is part of an effort by Afiliis Ltd. of Dublin, a provider of Internet registry and back-end services, to deploy DNSSEC to 13 additional TLDs by year end. There will be a "friends and family" period during which the signatures will be used within a handful of .info domains before it is rolled out to the entire registered population. The Domain Name System maps domain names to IP addresses and underlies nearly all Internet activities. DNSSEC enables digital signatures on DNS data and query responses so they can be authenticated with public cryptographic keys, making them harder to spoof or manipulate. This will help to combat attacks such as pharming, cache poisoning, and DNS redirection that are used to commit fraud and identity theft and to distribute malware.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2010/09/09/info-joins-list-of-dnssec-domains.aspx>

56. *September 9, Dr. Dobb's Journal* – (International) **First geometric ‘atlas’ of the Internet created.** Computer scientists at the San Diego Supercomputer Center and the Cooperative Association for Internet Data Analysis at the University of California, San Diego, in collaboration with researchers at Universitat de Barcelona in Spain and the University of Cyprus, have created the first geometric “atlas” of the Internet as part of a project to prevent the world’s most ubiquitous form of communication from collapsing within the next decade or so. The researchers discovered a latent hyperbolic, or negatively curved, space hidden beneath the Internet’s topology, leading them to devise a method to create an Internet map using hyperbolic geometry. In their paper “Sustaining the Internet with Hyperbolic Mapping,” the researchers said such a map would lead to a more robust Internet routing architecture because it simplifies path-finding throughout the network. Like many experts, one of the researchers is concerned that existing Internet routing, which relies on only topological information, is not really sustainable. “It is very complicated, inefficient, and difficult to scale to the rapidly growing size of the Internet, which is now accessed by more than a billion people each day. In fact, we are already seeing parts of the Internet become intermittently unreachable, sinking into so-called black holes, which is a clear sign of instability.”
Source: <http://www.drdoobs.com/architecture-and-design/227400098;jsessionid=PSIQPS53GTMORQE1GHPCKH4ATMY32JVN>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

57. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Explosion injures 7 construction workers working on tunnel under Batesville, Ark., golf course.** Authorities said seven construction workers have been injured in an explosion in a tunnel being dug beneath the Batesville, Arkansas, Municipal Golf Course September 9. Independence County Sheriff said the workers were digging a tunnel underneath the golf course, using explosives. He said that workers entered the tunnel after an explosion to dig another hole to place more explosives when they accidentally hit remnants of the previous explosives and a blast ensued.
Source: <http://www.kspr.com/news/local/sns-ap-ar--batesvilleexplosion,0,7454337.story>
58. *September 9, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Explosion forces 170 seniors to evacuate apartment building.** Almost 200 senior citizens from Finlay House in Columbia, South Carolina, were evacuated after fire investigators said an electrical problem caused a main breaker to blow shortly before 9 a.m. September 9, sending two people to the hospital. The Columbia fire chief said one of the victims was actually on fire before rescue workers got to the scene. The injured man is a private contractor and not a resident of the apartment complex. Residents told firefighters they heard an explosion. The 19-story building is still without power. Authorities were considering

bringing in a generator for electricity.

Source: <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13124971>

59. *September 9, U.S. Department of State* – (International) **Qur'an burning**. The United States Department of State is issuing a Travel Alert to caution U.S. citizens of the potential for anti-U.S. demonstrations in many countries in response to stated plans by a church in Florida to burn Qur'ans on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Demonstrations, some violent, have already taken place in several countries, including Afghanistan and Indonesia, in response to media reports of the church's plans. The potential for further protests and demonstrations, some of which may turn violent, remains high. Americans should pay attention to local reaction to the situation, and avoid areas where demonstrations may take place. The Travel Alert expires September 30, 2010.

Source: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_5144.html

60. *September 9, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Hazardous paint fumes sicken employees**. Dozens of Orlando, Florida workers fell ill September 9 on the job. Hazardous paint fumes chased them out of their workplace shortly after they arrived. A call center called Faneuil on Southland Boulevard near the Florida Mall, had to be evacuated. A few people were taken to the hospital. Hazmat crews cleared the building and allowed employees who stuck around to go back to work, around 11 a.m. Employees said the problem started on the second floor as people showed up for work. It was a chaotic scene as fire crews evacuated the building. Paramedics had sick employees down on the ground, complaining of breathing problems and respiratory pain. A total of 45 employees received treatment. Emergency crews loaded two employees into ambulances and rushed them to local hospitals to be treated. The employees work for a call center owned by Faneuil, a company that does customer service for different companies, including Sunpass. The company said the property management firm painted overnight, and it was supposed to be nontoxic paint. Orange County Fire Rescue said the chemical levels were normal when they tested the building, but it is possible the heat and humidity caused a bad reaction with the chemicals for some people. The people who were taken to the hospital are expected to be okay.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/countybycounty/24941800/detail.html>

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61. *September 10, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Many area firefighters helping with wildfire**. Colorado firefighters from Poudre Fire Authority (PFA), Loveland and Thompson Canyon are all helping battle a wildfire that has destroyed dozens of homes and forced 3,500 people to be evacuated. The Loveland fire battalion chief said three firefighters from Loveland and three from Thompson Canyon have been working since September 7 to help protect structures and patrol for hot spots. Six PFA members are helping, he said. Three firefighters are patrolling for hot spots and working on burning

operations. Three overhead personnel are helping in different management or supervisory positions including serving as a structure triage commander and a strike team leader. Starting the afternoon of September 9, Larimer County areas in the foothills at elevations higher than 6,000 feet will be under a “red flag warning,” which means that there is relatively low humidity and lots of wind, he said. Elevations below 6,000 feet are under a “fire weather watch. The next 24 to 36 hours will be critical as winds are expected to pick up in the area where the fire continues to burn. Temperatures are expected to drop into the mid-70s September 10 with lows in the 40s. The lows in the foothills could dip into the 30s, which should bring the humidity levels up.

Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20100910/NEWS01/9100327/Many-area-firefighters-helping-with-wildfire>

62. *September 10, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Twitchell Canyon wildfire swells to 11,000 acres.** Strong winds whipped south-central Utah’s Twitchell Canyon wildfire to nearly 11,000 acres September 9, and crews still had no estimate for containment of the blaze that was first sparked by lightning 7 weeks ago. Since being reported in Fishlake National Forest July 20, the fire has been allowed to scorch extensive swaths of mixed conifer and shrub lands some 7 miles east of Manderfield Reservoir. Early on, U.S. Forest Service officials adopted a strategy of letting the fire burn within the remote, rugged and steep terrain, while keeping it away from structures and campgrounds. The fire is expected to continue to burn well into the fall, though cooler, wetter weather expected in coming weeks could speed its eventual containment. Forest Service crews estimated containment at only 5 percent as of September 9. Roughly 100 firefighters — including seven Hotshot crews, five water- and retardant-bearing helicopters and three fire engine crews — were steadily working to build line breaks around the flames, the incident commander said. Numerous roads have been closed in the area.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/50253907-76/road-forest-creek-crews.html.csp>

63. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Fire near Fox Park 65 percent contained.** Firefighters in Wyoming have contained about 65 percent of a wildfire in Medicine Bow National Forest near the Colorado line. The Illinois Creek Fire had been threatening 40 homes in the area, but an evacuation order for a subdivision was lifted September 9. Most of those homes are vacation properties, and no structures have been burned. The fire has burned 112 acres of mostly dead lodgepole pine. The fire management officer said about 100 firefighters are on the scene.

Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/news/wyoming/102591564.html>

64. *September 9, Porterville Recorder* – (California) **Sheep Fire continues to grow to the west.** The Sheep Fire, in Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Forest in California, has grown to 4,857 acres — 3,012 acres on the park and 1,845 acres on the forest, according to a news release from the U.S. Forest Service. The Sheep Fire continues to grow predominately to the west. Hot and dry conditions over the last week have encouraged fire growth, officials said. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidities are forecast for this fire area for the next few days. There are 53 personnel

assigned to the incident, and it has firefighting expenses are \$875,000 to date, officials said.

Source: <http://www.recorderonline.com/news/sheep-46462-national-fire.html>

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Dams Sector

65. *September 10, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Engineers investigate Lake Delhi dam failure; Culver's recovery panel meets Friday.** An independent panel of engineers was at Lake Delhi in northeast Iowa September 9 in an effort to determine exactly why a dam failed July 24, pulling the plug on a 9-mile lake behind it. The panel includes engineers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said the administrator of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division. The engineers spent September 8 and 9 touring Lake Delhi and were scheduled to meet with the public at 4 p.m. September 10 to discuss their investigation. The panel is not expected to issue any findings until about mid-November. The engineers have been gathering climatic data, including rainfall records, interviewing Lake Delhi residents, as well as people who watched the dam fail. Built in the 1920s, the dam was breached during severe flooding after about 13 inches of rain fell in the Maquoketa River watershed upstream from the dam. Meanwhile, the Lake Delhi Recover and Rebuild Task Force, which was appointed last month by the governor, was slated to meet September 10. The task force was expected to review how Lake Delton in Wisconsin was rebuilt after a similar dam breach, and will hear a presentation from the president of the Lake Delhi Recreation Association. The task force has been asked by the governor to develop strategies for both the recovery and rebuilding of the Lake Delhi area, including whether the Lake Delhi dam should be rebuilt. The task force is expected to distribute a preliminary report on its findings in mid-November.

Source: <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2010/09/09/engineers-investigate-lake-delhi-dam-failure-recovery-panel-meets-friday/>

66. *September 10, USA Today* – (National) **FEMA: Hundreds of levees no longer reliable.** The federal government has determined hundreds of levees nationwide no longer meet its standards that ensure protection during major floods, a decision that forces thousands of property owners to buy federal flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has revoked its accreditation of the levees as part of an effort to update flood hazard maps, which guide state, local and federal decisions on development in flood-prone areas. Properties protected by the levees now are in flood-hazard zones, which means owners who have federally backed mortgages are required by banking laws to carry flood insurance. Flood insurance, based on property value and risk, ranges from less than \$200 to more than \$1,000 per year. FEMA has not accredited 300 levees, mostly in California and Arizona, on the maps it has updated so far. Those maps, most of which have taken effect since 2008, cover 65 percent of the U.S. population. Maps for the rest of the country are due to be finished over the next 3 years. To keep a levee accredited, local governments or other

responsible parties must certify that it can handle a flood so severe that it has a 1 percent chance of occurring each year. Some communities where levees have deteriorated face tens of millions of dollars in rehabilitation to meet that standard.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-09-09-levees_N.htm

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